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The very young company, specializing in artificial intelligence (AI) applied to video, has just completed a first seed funding round. Its investors are funds determined to help a European leader emerge in the field of digital sovereignty.

This is one of the largest seed rounds of the year in the French Tech ecosystem: Orasio, a young company using AI to analyze video streams, has raised €16 million. Around the table are the Paris-based venture capital fund Frst, alongside Germany's Global Founders Capital (GFC) and Poland's Expeditions Fund. All three are firmly convinced of the need to bring forward a European champion in security and digital sovereignty—issues that sit at the heart of today's political and economic debate, as illustrated by the "France 2030" plan: €54 billion deployed over five years to reduce reliance on the United States.

In this case, the three entrepreneurs—Florian Fournier, an École Polytechnique graduate and co-founder of unicorn PayFit (a payroll and HR management software for SMEs), Arnaud Delaunay (ex-FarmWise), and Fabio Gennari, a "maître des requêtes" at the Conseil d'État currently on leave—fully intend for their startup to reach the status of European leader in video intelligence. Their ambition is to become a reference solution capable of competing—technologically and commercially—with the American, Chinese, and Israeli groups that currently dominate the market.

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In practical terms, the technologies developed by the startup are based on a multimodal approach, combining image and language to deliver a more nuanced understanding of situations and a more natural interaction with users. These solutions can be adapted to demand and deployed on cameras, on the customer's servers, or in the cloud. This aligns in particular with the needs of internal security forces, local authorities, companies operating video protection systems, as well as European armed forces.

In other words, Orasio's co-founders are aiming high. To achieve their goals, they have no intention of cutting corners on the requirements inherent to such products—hence the need to combine technical excellence, legal compliance, and strategic independence. That's why, from day one, Orasio has designed its solutions' architecture to embed GDPR and the AI Act requirements. In a market undergoing rapid restructuring, regulatory rigor and data traceability are simply non-negotiable.